Appointment of several Officers in Super Bazar

1977. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to report which appeared in the Dainik Jagaran dated 5th February, 1992 regarding appointment of several Officers in Super Bazar without any appointment letter ignoring all rules and regulations in that behalf;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) whether Government have ordered any enquiry in the matter and fix-up the responsibility on the persons involved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The news published in Dainik Jagran, Delhi edition carried an item on 5-2-1992 concerning appointment of Six Officers in Super Bazar, Delhi allegedly in contravention of Rules. Super Bazar has informed that according to Recruitment and Promotion Rules applicable to their employees all the posts mentioned in the news item were required to be filled up by transfer on deputation from Government. Owing to non-availability of suitable Officers on deputation from Government some retired senior Officers having considerable experience were appointed with the approval of the Managing Committee of Super Bazar. The term of two Officers have expired and one Officer has resigned and they have been relieved of their duties. In case of remaining Officers/posts efforts are being made to get the services of suitable Officers on deputation from Government of India/Delhi Administration.

(c) In view of the above factual position, there is no occasion to order an enquiry into the matter.

Distribution of foodgrains through P.D.S. in Rajasthan

1978. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the estimated monthly quantity of foodgrains allotted and actually supplied for distribution through Public Distribution System in Rajasthan as against the demand;

(b) what are the reasons for not supplying the foodgrains to the State Government in full for distribution through Public Distribution System;

(c) whether any special food allocation has been made for distribution in the scarcity hit and drought affected areas in Rajasthan;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) if answer to (c) is in the nagative what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) The allocation of rice and wheat for Rajasthan for the month of April, 1992 was 4000 tonnes and 75000 tonnes respectively as against the demand of 5000 tonnes and 2,00,000 tonnes by the State Government respectively.

(b) The allocation of foodgrains to State Governments/UT Administrations is made, on a month to month basis, taking into account various factors such as demand from the States/UTs; availability of stocks in Central Pool; seasonal factors and *inter-se* reuirements of States/UTs. Allocations of foodgrains and other PDS items are supplemental in nature and are not intended to meet the entire demands of the States.

(c) to (e) While wheat allocations for most of the States have been reduced with the arrival of new wheat

crop into the market during the current rabi marketing season 1992-93, the allocation to Rajasthan for April and May, 1992 has not been reduced in view of the drought situation in the State.

Promotion avenues in NCCF

1979. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that employees in NCCF have not been promoted to their next higher grade for the last 10 years inspite of a number of posts lying vacant there;

(b) whether it is also a fact that number of persons working on daily wage basis have not been regularised so far despite their having completed more than 10 years in NCCF; and

(c) if so, what action NCCF proposes to take in this regard to mitigate the hardships being faced by the employees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) The employees of the NCCF of India were being promoted to higher posts till January, 1985 as per their Service Regulations. No Promotions could be made after wards owing to the deteriorating financial condition of the Institution.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. As per the information available, 41 employees were appointed between 1982-87 who are working on daily wages/consolidated pay and on *ad hoc* basis in regular scales. Out of the said 41 *ad hoc* appointees 6 have opted for voluntary retirement. There is no proposal at present to regularise the services of the *ad hoc* employees in view of the need to reduce manpower and curtail administrative expenses.

Ban on open cast mining in upper Assam

1980. SHRI BHADRESHWAR BURAGOHAIN: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in spite of the repeated objections by the public, open cast mining is going on unbated in the coal fields of upper Assam;

(b) whether any steps have so far been taken by Government to stop open cast mining; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) to (c) The issue of environmental degradation caused by open cast mining in Assam has been brought to the notice of the Central Government by various distinguished persons, organisations of Assam and Government of Assam. On the basis of complaints received the Ministry of Environment and Forests had constituted an Expert Committee in 1988 to look into the environmental problems arising out of coal mining operations being carried out by Coal India Limited. On the basis of recommendations of the Expert Committee, the Government decided to stop open cast mining at Tikak. The mining operations were stopped from 5-4-1990. Only restoration work is in progress. The various protection measures undertaken at Tikak OC are monitored by CIL, Government and the Assam Pollution Control Board etc. The Government of Assam have expressed satisfaction with the environmental protection measures undertaken at Tikak. The activities presently undertaken at Tikak are basically for restoration of damage caused to the land and improving environment in general. Tirap is the other opencast mine. The workings in this mine are below the drainage level and therefore the flow of any material to the agricultural land is not taking place. Proper drainage